

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The present Supplemental Amendment is submitted to correct for an informality in amended claim 31 as set forth in the Amendment filed January 3, 2005. Specifically, that amended claim 31 included an extraneous phrase now deleted by the present response.

In view of the comments in the Amendment filed January 3, 2005, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance and it is hereby respectfully requested that this case be passed to issue.

Respectfully submitted,

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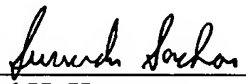
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